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The Council meets Monthly.

**To the CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE NARBERTH  
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

My Lord and Gentlemen—

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the Year ending December 31st, 1938, upon the health and sanitary condition of the Rural District of Narberth.

The Rural District is bounded on the North by the Prescelly Chain of Mountains, on the South by the Pembroke Rural District, on the East by the Carmarthenshire Boundary, and on the West by the Haverfordwest Rural District.

**SECTION A.**

Area — 80,248 acres.

Population (Mid 1938) — 9,974.

Rateable Value and Sum represented by 1d. Rate — £100.

**SOCIAL CONDITIONS.**

The Rural District is chiefly agricultural, mostly grazing and cattle rearing.

Milk producing has greatly increased during the past year in all parts of the district. The standard of purity is improving each year by the sale of Grade A Milk and T.T. testing of herds.

The special industries are on the downward grade. The anthracite coal mining is completely on stop.

The slate quarries in the North of the district are in progress employing about 160 men.

The unemployment question is still with us and remains stationary.

**STATISTICS.**

**LIVE BIRTHS.**

	Total.	Males.	Females.
Legitimate .....	136	69	67
Illegitimate .....	11	6	5
	<hr/> 147	<hr/> 75	<hr/> 72

Birth Rate per 1,000 of Population (Legitimate and Illegitimate)—  
13.71.

**STILL BIRTHS.**

	Total.	Males.	Females.
Legitimate .....	5	4	1
Illegitimate .....	0	0	0

Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births—35.42.

## DEATHS.

	Total.	Males.	Females.
Deaths .....	149.	85	64
Death Rate per 1,000 of Population—13.86.			

## DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES.

	Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 Live & Still Births.
29. Puerperal Sepsis .....	0	0.
30. Other Puerperal Causes .....	0	0
Total .....	0	0

## DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

All Infants under one year, per 1,000 Live Births .....	65.7
Legitimate Infants, per 1,000 Legitimate .....	68.7
Illegitimate Infants, per 1,000 Illegitimate Live .....	0

## DEATHS FROM:—

Cancer (all ages) .....	15
Measles (all ages) .....	0
Whooping Cough (all ages) .....	0
Diarrhoea (under two years) .....	0

## SECTION B.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICE FOR AREA.

## NURSING ARRANGEMENTS.

District.	Number.	General Nursing.	Maternity.	Certified Midwives.
Amroth .....	1	1	1	1
Clynderwen .....	1	1	1	1
Clarboston .....	1	1	1	1
Jeffreyston .....	1	1	1	1
Lampeter Velfrey ...	1	1	1	1
Llanddewi Velfrey ..	1	1	1	1
Martletwy .....	1	1	1	1
Llawhaden .....	1	1	1	1
Maenclochog, New Moat, Llysyfran ...	1	1	1	1
Mynachlogddu, Llangolman .....	1	1	1	1
Narberth .....	2	1	1	2
St. Issells .....	1	1	1	1
Narberth South .....	1	1	1	1



The Nurses are controlled by the local Nursing Committee and under the supervision of a County Nurse Supervisor appointed by the County Council.

The Nurses' salaries are chiefly found by voluntary contributions, assisted by grants from the County Council.

### **LABORATORIES.**

All samples for analysis are forwarded to the Biological Institute, Runcorn, Cheshire.

Sputum specimens are sent to Cardiff County Laboratory.

Swabs are sent to Swansea Bacteriological Laboratory; also to the County Medical Officer, Public Health Offices, Haverfordwest.

### **AMBULANCE FACILITIES.**

1.—County Hospital Ambulance available for general Hospital cases.

2.—The Pembroke Dock Isolation Hospital, available for Infectious cases.

The present facilities for Ambulance conveyance are satisfactory, although they are under high pressure occasionally.

### **NURSING IN THE HOMES.**

This work is carried out by the District Nurse appointed in the various Parishes.

### **CLINICS.**

Narberth Tuberculosis Clinic—Once a month.

Narberth Baby Welfare Clinic.

Narberth Orthopædic Clinic—Quarterly, for the County.

County War Memorial Hospital Tuberculosis Clinic.

### **HOSPITALS.**

1.—St. Bride's Orthopædic Hospital for Children.

2.—Sealyham Hospital for Acute and Chronic T.B. Bed Cases.

3.—Maternity at County Hospital for Special Emergency Cases.

4.—Pembroke Dock Isolation Hospital for Infectious Diseases.

5.—County Hospital—General Surgical Cases.

6.—County Hospital for X-Ray and Dental Work.

## **SECTION C.**

### **WATER.**

The Regional Scheme has been completed. The source of this supply is from the Prescelly Range of Mountains, and the supply continues to give satisfaction. The following villages and places will have water from the Regional Scheme at an early date:—

1.—Robeston Wathen.

2.—Narberth Station.

The above supply gives entire satisfaction as regards quality and quantity.

**RIVERS AND STREAMS.**

It is regrettable that most of the rivers and streams within the district are polluted to a degree, as for instance by:—

- 1.—Drainage from Villages.
- 2.—Drainage from Farms on river banks.
- 3.—Also from the contents of Sheep Dipping Apparatus.

Notices have been served on offenders calling upon them to cease the practice.

**DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.**

The sewage disposal in the district continues to be into cess-pools. Generally this system cannot be changed owing to the scattered state of dwelling-houses.

My remarks in the 1937 Annual Report may be recalled, "Provided a Grant and a long period Loan could be obtained, the Council should seriously consider the sewerage of the more thickly populated district in the South."

**CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.**

Water Closets .....	42%
Pail Closets .....	33%
Privies .....	25%

**PUBLIC CLEANSING.**

Your Council has very properly undertaken the removal of House Refuse from several of the villages and groups of houses, and further extensions on this head will take place next year.

**SHOPS AND OFFICES.**

Inspections have been made of all Shops in the district.

Action had to be taken in respect of:—

- 1.—Sanitary conveniences (insufficient).
- 2.—Temperature, and
- 3.—Ventilation.

**CAMPING SITES.**

1.—Number of Sites used .....	15
2.—Number of Licences issued .....	15
3.—Estimated (maximum) number of Campers resident in the area at one time during the summer season, 1938 .....	300

**SMOKE ABATEMENT.**

No action taken. (No nuisance caused by smoke in the area).

**SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.**

- (a) None.
- (b) None.



**ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.**

1. (a) Council Houses infested—None.
- (b) Other Houses—None.
- 2.—Method employed for freeing infested houses—Nil.
- 3.—Methods employed are inspection before removal.
- 4.—No work necessary for cleansing.
- 5.—Measures taken by way of supervision—None called for.

**SCHOOLS.**

Number in district:—

County Intermediate School .....	1
Council Schools .....	17
Non-Provided Schools .....	5

On account of the lack of water and sewers, many of the schools have to fall back on the conservancy system. If and when the water mains of the Council become convenient many of the schools will take advantage and convert into the water carriage system.

Action taken in respect of Infectious Disease among school children:—

After notification of any Infectious Disease the child is isolated and closing orders issued if necessary and disinfection of the homes.

**CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.**

	Cattle Excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed if known .....	894	1000	1694	3407	962
Number inspected .....	490	300	850	1560	720
All diseases except Tuberculosis, whole Carcases condemned .....	0	1	0	0	0
Carcase in which some part or organ was condemned .....	0	0	0	0	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than T.B. ....	0	0	0	0	0
T.B. only—					
Whole Carcases condemned ...	0	0	0	0	0
Some part or organ .....	0	0	0	0	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with T.B. ....	0	0	0	0	0

**SECTION D—HOUSING.****1.—Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year :**

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) .....	1401
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose .....	1606
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 .....	204
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose .....	204
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation .....	150
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation .....	90

<b>2.—Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices .....</b>	<b>62</b>
Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers .....	41

### **3.—Action under Statutory Powers during the Year :—**

<b>A.—Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :</b>	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs .....	16
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners .....	16
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners .....	0
<b>B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—</b>	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied .....	31
(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners .....	9
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners .....	0
<b>C.—Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—</b>	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made .....	6
(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders .....	4
<b>D.—Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—</b>	
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made .....	1
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit .....	0

### **4.—Housing Act, 1936, Part 4—Overcrowding.**

(a) (1) Number of dwelling houses overcrowded at the end of the year .....	81
(2) Number of families dwelling therein .....	85
(3) Number of persons dwelling therein .....	500
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year .....	14
(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year .....	4
(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases .....	25
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding .....	2

The overcrowding conditions in this area is still a serious menace. The general type of labourer's cottage is the two-roomed and half loft above ; until this class of house is substituted by the new type of Council house, this condition will still remain. Seeing that our Council is alive to the remedy by building and replacing, undoubtedly this serious condition will be overcome in the near future.

### **CANCER.**

Lectures have been given in various centres in the district under the National Cancer Campaign which were appreciated and well attended.

**SECTION E.****MILK SUPPLY.**

(a) The standard of milk has considerably improved through the clean methods of milking and by the sterilization of vessels, together with the attested herds by the appointed Veterinary Surgeons and the Inspector from the Ministry.

(c) Chemical and Bacteriological examinations are carried out by the Biological Institute, Runcorn. No cases have arisen during the year.

(e) There have been no steps taken to increase the knowledge of the public by lectures or film during the year.

**SHELL FISH**

(f) No shell fish are gathered for sale in this area.

**SECTION F.****NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1938.**

(Other than Tuberculosis.)

Diseases.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Small Pox .....	2		
Scarlet Fever .....			
Diphtheria .....	3		1
Enteric Fever .....			
Puerperal Fever .....			
Puerperal Pyrexia .....			
Pneumonia .....			
Other Diseases generally notified .....			
Other Diseases notifiable locally .....			

**TUBERCULOSIS.**

New Cases and Mortality during the Year, 1938.

Age Period.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0.								
1.		0		1	0	0	0	0
5.		1		1				1
15.	3	1	1	1		1	1	
25.	2	1			1	2		
35.	1	1				2		
45.			1					
55.								
65 and upwards								
Totals.	6	4	2	3	1	5	1	1

## CAUSES OF DEATHS IN NARBERTH R.D., 1938.

Causes of Death,	M.	F.
1.—Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers .....	0	0
2.—Measles .....	0	0
3.—Scarlet Fever .....	0	0
4.—Whooping Cough .....	0	0
5.—Diphtheria .....	0	0
6.—Influenza .....	6	1
7.—Encephalitis lethargica .....	0	0
8.—Cerebro-spinal Fever .....	0	0
9.—Tuberculosis of Respiratory System .....	2	5
10.—Other Tuberculous Disease .....	1	1
11.—Syphilis .....	0	0
12.—General Paralysis of the Insane—Tabes Dorsalis ...	0	0
13.—Cancer—Malignant Disease .....	7	8
14.—Diabetes .....	0	0
15.—Cerebral Hæmorrhage .....	6	8
16.—Heart Disease .....	19	11
17.—Aneurysm .....	0	0
18.—Other Circulatory Diseases .....	8	6
19.—Bronchitis .....	5	0
20.—Pneumonia (all forms) .....	1	3
21.—Other Respiratory Diseases .....	2	0
22.—Peptic Ulcer .....	0	0
23.—Diarrhœa, etc. (under two years) .....	0	0
24.—Appendicitis .....	1	1
25.—Cirrhosis of the Liver .....	1	0
26.—Other Diseases of the Liver .....	2	0
27.—Other Digestive Diseases .....	2	2
28.—Acute and Chronic Nephritis .....	4	4
29.—Puerperal Sepsis .....	0	0
30.—Other Puerperal Causes .....	0	0
31.—Congenital Debility, Premature Birth, etc. ....	6	1
32.—Senility .....	4	4
33.—Suicide .....	1	1
34.—Other violence .....	3	0
35.—Other Defined Diseases .....	9	8
36.—Other ill-defined or unknown .....	1	0
Special Causes included in No. 35:—		
(a) Small Pox .....	0	0
(b) Poliomyelitis .....	0	0
(c) Polio-encephalitis .....	0	0
	85	64

## Cases of Infectious Diseases Notified:—

(1) Small Pox .....	0
(2) Scarlet Fever .....	2
(3) Diphtheria .....	0
(4) Enteric Fever .....	0
(5) Pneumonia .....	4
(6) Puerperal Fever .....	0
(7) Puerperal Pyrexia .....	0
(8) Erysipelas .....	0
Total .....	6

**PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY, NARBERTH.****TABLE A.—Amount of Shipping entering the Port Sanitary District  
During the Year 1938.**

	Number	Tonnage.	Number Inspected by M.O.H.	Number Inspected by Sanitary Inspector	Number found Defective.	Number of Orders Issued.	Remarks.
Foreign							
Steamers	Nil						
Motor Boats	Nil						
Sailing	Nil						
Fishing	Nil						
Total	Nil						
Coast-wise							
Steamers	28	6.091		5	None		
Sailing							
Motor Boats	27	3.329		3	None		
Fishing	1						
Total	56	9.420		8	None		

TABLE B—Passenger Traffic ..... Nil.

TABLE C—Infectious Sickness landed from Vessels ..... Nil.

TABLE D ..... Nil.

TABLES E and F ..... Nil.

E. W. PRICE,

Medical Officer of Health.

June, 1938.



**REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR.**

1.—Number of Inspections made .....	1630
2.—Houses placed in habitable condition .....	3
3.—Houses closed .....	3
4.—Overcrowding abated .....	2
5.—Common Lodging Houses .....	0
6.—Slaughter-houses—31 (inspections) .....	640
7.—Dairies and Cowsheds .....	960
8.—Workshops, etc. ....	50
9.—Filthy Houses Cleansed .....	2
10.—Houses disinfected .....	14
11.—Houses erected or rebuilt .....	15
12.—Water Certificates issued .....	15
13.—Wells sunk .....	1
14.—Wells repaired .....	1
15.—Wells closed .....	1
16.—Houses connected with Sewers .....	0
17.—New houses with Conservancy System .....	15
18.—Number of new W.C.'s .....	0
19.—Privy Conversions .....	0
20.—Samples of Water analysed .....	6
21.—Samples of Milk analysed .....	2
22.—Compensation paid in respect of Infected articles destroyed	85s.
23.—Seizure of unsound Meats and Fruit .....	6

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14th June, 1939.







